

AMEND Senate Bill No. 2177

House Bill No. 2052*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

- SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-601, is amended by adding the following new subpart (D) to subsection (3):
 - (D) "Court" shall also include judicial commissioners, magistrates and other officials with the authority to issue an arrest warrant in the absence of a judge for purposes of issuing ex parte orders of protection when a judge of one of the courts listed in subparts (A), (B) or (C) of this subsection is not available;
- SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-606, is amended by deleting subsection (a)(1) and substituting instead the following:
 - (1) Directing the respondent to refrain from committing abuse or threatening to commit abuse against the petitioner or the petitioner's minor children;
- SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-619, is amended by deleting the last sentence of subsection (b) and substituting instead the following:
 - (b) If the officer believes that all parties are equally responsible, the officer shall exercise his or her best judgment in determining whether to arrest all, any or none of the parties.
- SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-619, is further amended by adding the following new appropriately numbered item to subsection (g):
 - () Offer to transport the victim to the location where arrest warrants are issued in that city or county and assist the victim in obtaining an arrest warrant against the alleged abuser.

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SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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